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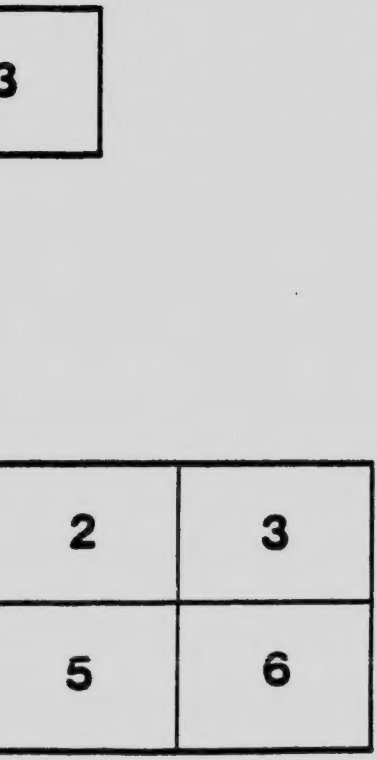

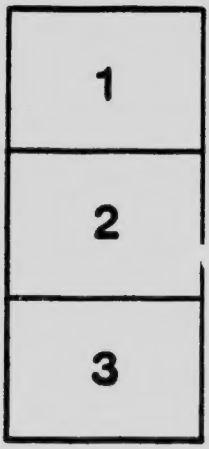

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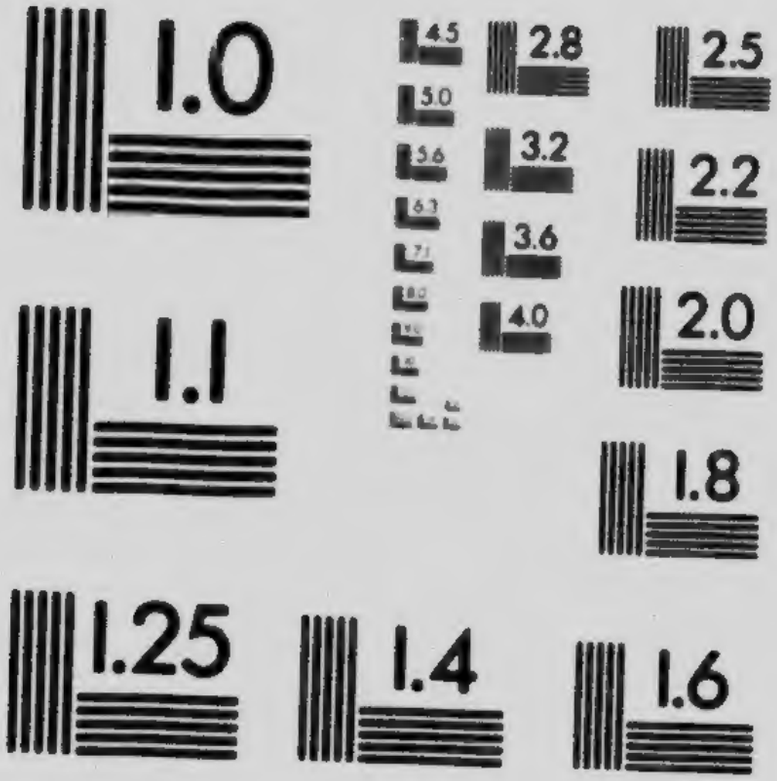

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BOLSHEVISM

THE LESSON FOR CANADA

BOLSHEVISM accords to the family no such sacred place in society as modern civilization accords to it. Conflicting reports have been passing current during the last few months relative to the nationalization of women by the new Russian Government. Two or three local Soviets have apparently thus degraded the womanhood of their particular districts, but the central Government has refrained from adopting any such policy in the whole nation. They have, however, promulgated decrees relating to marriage and divorce which practically establishes a state of free love. Their effect has been to furnish a vehicle for the legalization of prostitution by permitting the annulment of the marriage bonds at the whim of the parties, recognizing their collusive purposes as a ground for the severance of the matrimonial state. * * * The apparent purpose of the Bolshevist Government is to make the Russian men and especially the women and children, the wards and dependents of that Government. Not satisfied with the degree of dependence incurred by the economic and industrial control assumed by its functionaries, it has destroyed the moral obligation of the father to provide, care for and adequately protect the child of his blood and the mother of that child against the misfortunes of orphanhood and widowhood.

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THE TRUE MEANING OF BOLSHEVISM

The salient features which constitute the Programme of Bolshevism as it exists to-day in Russia are summarized as follows by the Overman Committee of the United States Senate which has just issued its report on German Propaganda and Bolshevism:—

(1) The repudiation of democracy and the establishment of a dictatorship.

(2) The confiscation of all land and the improvements thereon.

(3) The confiscation of all forests and natural resources.

(4) The confiscation of all live stock and all agricultural implements.

(5) The confiscation of all banks and banking institutions and the establishment of a State monopoly of the banking business.

(6) The confiscation of all factories, mills, mines, and industrial institutions and the delivery of the control and operation thereof to the employees therein.

(7) The confiscation of all churches and all church property, real and personal.

(8) The confiscation of all newspapers and periodicals and all mechanical facilities and machinery used in the publication thereof.

(9) The seizure and confiscation of all public meeting place and assembly halls.

(10) The confiscation of all transportation and communication systems.

(11) The confiscation of the entire estate of all decedents.

(12) The monopolizing by the State of all advertisements of every nature, whether newspapers, periodicals, handbills, or programmes.

(13) The repudiation of all debts against the Government, and all obligations due the non-Bolshevist elements of the population.

(14) The establishment of universal compulsory military service regardless of religious scruples and conscientious objections.

(15) The establishment of universal compulsory labor.

(16) The abolition of the Sunday school and all other schools and institutions that teach religion.

(17) The absolute separation of churches and schools.

(18) The establishment, through marriage and divorce laws, of a method for the legalization of prostitution, when the same is engaged in by consent of the parties.

(19) The refusal to recognize the existence of God in its Governmental and judicial proceedings.

(20) The conferring of the rights of citizenship on aliens without regard to length of residence or intelligence.

(21) The arming of all so-called "toilers," and the disarming of all persons that had succeeded in acquiring property.

(22) The discrimination in favor of residents of cities and against residents of the rural districts through giving residents of cities five times as much voting power as is accorded to residents of rural districts in such elections as are permitted.

(23) The disfranchisement of all persons employing any other person in connection with their business.

(24) The disfranchisement of all persons receiving rent, interest, or dividends.

(25) The disfranchisement of all merchants, traders, and commercial agents.

(26) The disfranchisement of all priests, clergymen, or employees of churches and religious bodies.

(27) The denial of the existence of any inalienable rights in the individual citizen.

(28) The establishment of a judicial system exercising autocratic power, convicting persons and imposing penalties in their absence, and without opportunity to be heard, and even adopting the death penalty for numerous crimes and misdemeanors.

(29) The inauguration of a reign of fear, terrorism, and violence.

CONFISCATION OF FARMS

The Overman Committee of the United States Senate on German Propaganda and Bolshevism says that if the Bolshevists secure control of the United States as they have of Russia, millions of farmers would be deprived of the right of participation in the affairs of the Government, and the substantial rural portion of the population would be subjected to special repression and restrictions. "Under the revolutionary formula the voting power of the cities would be five times as great as that of the rural communities, the ratio of the representation in cities being 1 to every 25,000 of the population, while that of the rural districts would be only 1 to every 125,000 of the population. In the United States the rural population under the 1910 census was considerably in excess of the urban.

"It would result in the confiscation by the Government thus constituted of the land of the United States including 6,361,502 farms, of which 62.1 per cent., or 3,948,722 farms, are owned in fee by the farmers who cultivate them and represent the labor and toil of a life-time. On the farms of the United States there are improvements, machinery, and live stock to the value of $10,991,449,090 (census of 1910), all of which would be confiscated with the land."

RUINATION OF INDUSTRY

"Confiscation, under the milder term of nationalization, has eliminated from all industrial establishments such as factories, mills and mines the business acumen and scientific methods necessary to successful operation and competitive methods. This has been followed by the stagnation of the industrial life of the country, and even those nationalized industries which have been able to operate under Government control, have operated at an enormous percentage of loss."

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LIFE INSURANCE RENDERED VALUELESS

"One of the most appalling and far-reaching consequences of an application of Bolshevism in the United States would be found in the confiscation and liquidation of its life insurance companies. * * * Almost 50,000,000 life insurance policies, representing nearly $30,000,000,000 of insurance, the substantial protection of the women and children of the nation, would be rendered valueless."

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BANK DEPOSITS JEOPARDIZED

"Complete control of all banking institutions and their assets is an essential part of the (Bolshevist) revolutionary programme, and the 31,492 banks in the United States would be taken over by the Government and the savings of millions, including 11,397,553 depositors drawing interest on accounts in savings banks, and consequently belonging to the so-called bourgeois or capitalistic class, jeopardized."

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